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SUBJECT: OMANI REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TOW MISSILES

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1. EMBASSY HAS HAD FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH SAF CONCERNING TOW ARSENAL. OMANI SIDE FINDS SUGGESTION OF MAINTAINING LEVEL OF 200 ACCEPTABLE IN PRINCIPLE. SAF WILL PROVIDE SPECIFIC NUMBER OF MISSILES PRESENTLY REQUIRED TO BRING OMANI ARSENAL UP TO THIS LEVEL.

2. IN MEANTIME, WHAT IS TIME LAPSE BETWEEN PLACING ORDER AND RECEIPT OF MISSILES? DO USG SOURCES ANTICIPATE ANNUAL REPLENISHMENT, OR WOULD TIMING OF REORDER BE BASED STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXPENDITURE? WILL RESUPPLY BE ACCOMPLISHED UNDER OPEN LOA, OR WILL NEW DOCUMENTATION BE REQUIRED EACH TIME?

3. FOR FUTURE LOGISTICS ARRANGEMENTS, SAF POINTS OUT THAT ONCE UNPACKED MISSILES HAVE SHELF LIFE OF ONLY 6-8 MONTHS. HENCE, "READY" BATTERY WILL BE MAINTAINED
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THROUGH ABOUT HALF OF SHELF LIFE, THEN UTILIZED FOR TRAIN-

ING PURPOSES. HOPEFULLY, THIS WILL COMPRISE ENTIRETY
OF EXPENDITURE.
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